Voluntary Contributions to the Agency

(b) Confirmation of the Acceptance of a Voluntary Contribution of Money

Note by the Director General

1. In February 1989, the Board of Governors considered an offer of a voluntary contribution of money made to the Agency by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). 1/

2. Since the ADB has no relationship agreement with the Agency under Article XVI.A of the Statute, the applicable rules (the Rules Regarding the Acceptance of Voluntary contributions of Money to the Agency 2/) did not cover the acceptance by the Agency of the offer in question. However, the Board authorized the Director General to accept the ADB's offer subject to confirmation by the General Conference.

1/ For the Board's discussion, see document GOV/OR.704, paragraphs 40, 178-186.

2/ Approved by the General Conference on 1 October 1959 and contained in part II of document INFCIRC/13. Since the decision of the Board last February to authorize the Director General to accept the voluntary contribution in question, the Board has recommended, for adoption by the General Conference, a revised set of rules governing the acceptance of voluntary contributions of money (see document GC(XXXIII)/879) in terms of which the Director General may accept voluntary contributions of money from intergovernmental organizations with which the Agency has no relationship agreement – such as the ADB.
3. The details of the offer as submitted to the Board in February 1989 are set forth below:

(a) The Asian Development Bank has agreed in principle to offer to the Agency a voluntary contribution in an amount of US$ 100 000 for the purpose of supporting a regional training course on Electric Systems Expansion Planning to be held in Kuala Lumpur from 15 May to 23 June 1989 within the framework of the Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research Development and Training Related to Nuclear Science and Technology (RCA).

(b) The course, which relates to the approved Regional Asia project RAS/0/013 ("Energy and Nuclear Power Planning"), will be held at the Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC) and is being jointly sponsored by APDC and the Government of Malaysia. Its purpose is to provide training in the use of the Agency's WASP computer codes. The Agency has budgeted about US$ 85 000 for the course. The envisaged contribution from the Asian Development Bank would permit much wider participation in the course and enhance its effectiveness.

A voluntary contribution of $ 90 000 has been made by the ADB, with $ 10 000 in final settlement to be paid after the total costs of the regional training course are known.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

4. It is recommended that the Conference confirm the Director General's acceptance of the voluntary contribution of money made by the ADB.